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Amendment to Item 10

Affordable housing is an important need, and I am supportive of efforts to sustain the resources necessary to facilitate additional housing units for those at highest need in our County. One of the most effective tools local governments had to promote affordable housing was redevelopment, which was lost with the dissolution of redevelopment last year.

Unfortunately, this left many worthy projects that didn't meet the State's criteria as an "obligation," partially-completed or not started at all, forcing cities to consider abandoning the projects altogether. And we still have thousands of people priced out of the housing market, we still have cities facing the challenges of blight and other quality of life issues, and we still need to find ways to address these problems.

While I believe that some of the new revenue we are recognizing should be utilized for affordable housing and for meeting the County's budgetary needs, we must also consider partnering with the cities to use some of this funding to promote low income housing, remove blight and facilitate economic development.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the CEO report back in 30 days on a process and criteria by which cities can access revenue - previously collected by former redevelopment agencies that is now being realized by the County - for low income housing and projects that remove blight and facilitate economic development. The process should consider key priorities, including but not limited to such as projects that had to be halted due to the end of redevelopment, projects that would reduce blight or create more affordable housing.

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